

City of Rockville Environment Commission

Watersheds Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 20, 2012

Blue Crab, Rockville City Hall

7:15 pm

Meeting Attendance: Julie Palakovich, Steve Cardon, Nancy Laurson, Melissa Michel, Shannon Philbin, Fadan

1. Environment Commission Report

- Julie Palakovich reported that the Environment Commission:
 - received an update on the revisions to the green code to meet international standards
 - Sustainable Certified Maryland application is complete and certification will be given in summer 2012
 - HP build tax credit.
 - Discussed Environmental Excellence Awards particularly in regards to Montgomery College's nomination and reconsideration.
 - Discussed participation and booth at Hometown Holidays

2. Environmental Management Division Report

- Shannon Philbin reported:
 - Have not received approval to fill FOG position. The Committee wants officially note that this position is extremely important. While many restaurants were educated on fats, oils, and grease, high turnover in means that this knowledge is lost.
 - Planning for Save Our Streams is under way. Trainings and dates will be set for April.
 - Conservation Landscaping seminar is scheduled for May 19th at Croydon Creek Nature Center from 10am-noon.
 - Over half of the Rockville Adopt A Stream Groups are scheduled to participate in the April 14 Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.
 - Chapter 19 is currently being reviewed. Committee members will be included in the review process.
 - Rockville Recycling Program is in the running for Green City Award along with Allen, Texas and Whiting, Indiana. Award will be announced March 30 at the 2012 Residential Recycling Conference in Dallas Texas. Ray Foreman will attend.

3. Planning for April Stream Cleanup

- Cleanup has been scheduled for April 14th at 10am at Maryvale Park. Discussed possibility of getting signs to place in the surrounding neighborhood, Steve will contact Signs by tomorrow for an estimate.
- Discussed the usefulness of a large banner in Town Center to advertise local events.
- Outreach: Julie will contact Barry with the Outreach Committee to see if the event can be blaster over the Facebook page.
- Steve will Facebook the Mayor to see if she will post a comment about the event.
- Anne was chosen to contact local garden clubs.
- Julie will contact East Rockville.
- Shannon will contact Croydon Creek and Hjarman Cordero.
- Discussed possibility of tapping into high school guidance counselors and getting events on the morning announcements. Julie did not receive any communications back from Rockville HS.

4. Review of Draft Action Plan for Future Stream Cleanups

- It was agreed to table formalizing a complete action plan until after the cleanup and more members are present at the next meeting to provide feedback.
- Shannon will compare EMD list of outreach contacts with the Committee.
- Shannon will check if there is an age/supervision requirement for earning SSL hours at the Montgomery County Public School SSL Orientation on April 27th.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

The next Watersheds Committee meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 7:15 pm
in the Blue Crab conference room at Rockville City Hall
111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.